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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph of the specification beginning at page 1, line 14 as follows:

Often, truck mounted attenuators are mounted to the truck frame, or understructure, which is not pivotable. Accordingly, the truck mounted attenuator ordinarily must be lifted to the desired height to enable it to be fastened to the understructure. For example, June U.S. Pat. No. ~~5,642,794~~ 5,642,792, assigned to the assignee of the present invention, discloses one highway crash cushion that is mounted to a truck via a support frame that includes articulated arms. An energy absorbing element is disposed in the support frame, which is designed to collapse and to decelerate an impacting vehicle in a controlled manner.

Please amend the paragraph of the specification beginning at page 26, line 16 as follows:

In a further example of such a system provided with a pneumatic or hydraulic energy absorbing system, the energy absorbing means can be valved to provide an initial force peak, followed by a dramatic reduction in resistive force, then finally followed by a second, lower resistive force. More specifically, the initial peak force can be provided by a pre-pressurized pneumatic element, for example a gas-

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containing bag, with the pneumatic element allowed to rapidly vent immediately after that initial peak force so that the resistive force of the crash cushion falls dramatically during the intermediate segment of the crash event, after which the gas-containing bag can be explosively re-pressurized to provide the necessary resistive force during the final segment of the crash event. Another approach is to use a stiff crushable element to provide the ideal response profile. A mechanical release, as disclosed by June U.S. Pat. No. ~~5,642,794~~ 5,642,792 would then release after a specified amount of crush had taken place.